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# IONBERG Discussions at Vienna, June 14

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1. [ ] in the company of the undersigned visited the Vienna Station in order to recapitulate the IGHHNS project. The Vienna staff members were most cooperative and despite the limited time available to the discussions, [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] and [ ] reviewed what they have done to accelerate the IGHHNS Project since the [ ] [ ] visit in March. We were advised that early in May a group of staff members paid a visit to General Keyes and solicited the cooperation of the General and his intelligence officers in recruiting possible stay-behind candidates. The General and his staff were most interested in seeing this operation materialize and promised their full cooperation. Major Milano of USFA's GDI staff is currently engaged in recruiting possible radio operators who have not come under Russian surveillance and who have never been implicated in any "resistance" activity heretofore. We subsequently learned that the four powers governing Austria have been provided with complete lists as to the identities of Austrians with amateur radio experience. Consequently, recruiting among these individuals is considered hazardous from a security standpoint. To date Army assistance has not produced any likely candidates.

2. To resume with conferences on IGHERS, we were advised that [ ] was very pleased with his training in Germany and we have attempted to set up procedures whereby the small administrative difficulties encountered in the handling of [ ] could be avoided during the training of subsequent IGHERS candidates. We are advised that [ ] would be available for training early in July. This is the last of the individuals whom we screened for training during the March visit. The Vienna staff pointed out with much regret that the compromise of a certain chain of agents prevents the training and subsequent use of two potential operators who were interviewed in March.

3. [ ] has received his radio equipment and is making arrangements for burial. This equipment was turned over to him after Wash #7944 was received. The signal plans and cryptographic material will be retained by the Vienna mission until a later date. The points outlined in MEX-A-910 were reviewed. Para 4 was elaborated

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upon and the staff was briefed on the functions of a proper danger signal.

4. [ ] introduced the possibility of burying medium power transmitting equipment in the Alpine regions of Austria which are now located in the U. S. Zone. He indicated that he knew of a certain mountain retreat, isolated and well off the beaten path, which would serve as an ideal place for storing this equipment. [ ] indicated this equipment would be activated during the emergency which would virtually make this area a fortress against the invader for the transmissions made with this equipment would more than likely be heard at a Transatlantic base. [ ] will make an inspection of this area and will advise us through pouch as to full particulars on the storage space, security and the like. At this time we believe it is best to await the report before making any commitment on this recommendation.

5. [ ] arranged discussions with Mr. Wright and Mr. Wade from the office of the Chief Signal Officer, USMA and the report on this discussion will follow in a subsequent pouch.

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